

## **Fast Facts 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-3 #17**

1. John, in various verses (2:9, 3:9, 4:7), spoke about being born of God. Now in one verse of this chapter, he tells us how one is born of God.
2. Whoever believes that Jesus is his Christ – this means believing that Jesus is his Messiah, not just the messiah in a generic sense.
3. John's emphasis has been on love, but you cannot earn salvation by loving others. We are born of God when we trust on Jesus and His saving works in our lives.
4. In verses 2-3, we see the demonstration of God's love. Surely John had Jesus in mind from his gospel in John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments". Simply put – love for God will show itself in obedience.
5. His commandments are not burdensome. When we are born again, we are given new hearts/new natures, which now by instinct want to please God.
6. Now under the new covenant, the law of God is written on our hearts. God prophesied this long ago. Please read Jeremiah 31:31-34.
7. And His commandments are not burdensome, compare them to some that various religious gurus come up with today. The Pharisees said you could walk a mile on the Sabbath, but one foot over – you had violated the Law.
8. Some think by doing nothing on the Sabbath that will please God. In Mark 2:23-27, Jesus is accused of breaking the Sabbath by pulling grain stalks and eating as he walked. Jesus replied, "The Sabbath was made for man – not man for the Sabbath".
9. John is saying in these verses: Love God; Love others.